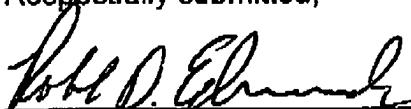


REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 5, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 5, 2004. Applicants have added the status identifier of claim 14 as required in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Reconsideration of the claims for reasons discussed in Applicants' Response to Office Action dated April 2, 2004, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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